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Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria

Report by the Director-General

1. The present report updates information provided in documents GC.3/31 and IDB.6/17 on the preparation of a headquarters agreement for UNIDO.

2. The General Conference at its third session in paragraph (c) of its decision GC.3/Dec.30, inter alia, requested the Director-General, as far as possible, to coordinate the position of UNIDO with that of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) on the matter of updating the text of the existing headquarters agreements. As previously reported (IDB.6/17, para. 2), in February 1990 consultations were intensified between UNIDO and UNOV and the preparatory work undertaken by UNIDO was accelerated. The consultations, which were held between the legal officers of the United Nations and UNIDO, and in which a representative of the IAEA Legal Division participated in the capacity of observer, have been completed after detailed consideration of all the items raised. It has been possible to establish agreement on nearly all subjects for common or parallel formulations in the draft definitive headquarters agreements to be concluded between the Republic of Austria and, respectively, UNIDO and the United Nations on behalf of UNOV.

3. Amendments to the existing Agreement on Social Security, referred to in paragraph 4 of IDB.6/17, were proposed in December 1990 by the Director-General, after consultation with UNOV. Although no proposal has yet been made on behalf of UNOV, it has been agreed during the consultations between UNIDO, UNOV and IAEA that the amendments will also be included in the draft definitive headquarters agreements to be proposed for each organization.

4. The provisions of the Agreement of 19 January 1981, regarding the Establishment and Administration of a Common Fund for Financing Major Repairs and Replacements at the Organizations' Headquarters Seats at the Vienna International Centre (IDB.6/17, para. 5) have not been incorporated in the draft definitive headquarters agreements for UNIDO and for UNOV. However, consultations, as required by Article 8 of that Agreement, have been initiated between the Parties (IAEA, UNIDO and UNOV) for the purpose of reviewing the Agreement.

5. At the time of preparing the present report it was anticipated that UNIDO's draft definitive headquarters agreement would soon be formally proposed to the host Government.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

6. The Board may wish to take note of the present report.

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